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Issue Date: 20 January 2005

CASE NO.: 2004-AIR-00036

In the Matter of:

JOHN B. SIMS, III,

Complainant

V.

QUALITY SYSTEMS LAB, INC., Respondent

Appearances:

John B. Sims, III, Complainant, Pro Se William E. Calnan, Esq., for Respondent

Before:

RICHARD E. HUDDLESTON Administrative Law Judge

DECISION AND ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AND DISMISSING COMPLAINT

The above action arises under the whistleblower protection provision of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21) 49 U.S.C.A. § 42121, et seq., and the regulations thereunder at 29 CFR Part 1979. On January 11, 2005, the parties submitted a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Dismissal with Prejudice.

Upon review of the motion and the settlement agreement, I find that the settlement agreement is a fair and equitable settlement of the complaint under the AIR 21, 49 U.S.C.A. §42121, *et seq*. Any references to any other causes of action under other federal or state laws are outside of the jurisdiction of this tribunal and are not considered.

ORDER

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- 1. The settlement agreement is approved as a fair and equitable settlement of the complaint under the AIR 21, 49 U.S.C.A. § 42121, et seq;
- 2. This decision and order only approves settlement of the case pending before this Judge,

3. The complaint filed in this matter is dismissed with prejudice.

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RICHARD E. HUDDLESTON Administrative Law Judge